

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location of a member of the Commonwealth Forces, during the Great War 1914-1921.

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Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	X
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Spencer-Smith, Henry	i	Epéhy Wood Farm Cemetery	link
8 th Bn Leicestershire Reg.	i	Somme, France	i
Captain (M.C.)	i	Plot 6 Row F Grave 2	i
Death: 21 March 1918	link	Concentration: 19 Sept 1919	i
Graves Registration Report	1	Casualty Database (known)	7
Concentration of Grave	2	War Diary Extract(s)	8a-d
Exhumation Report	-	Grave Stone Photograph	
Headstone Schedule	3	Grave Stone Inscription	
Area Map(s)	4	Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Trench Map(s)	5	Reporting and Review	9
Possible Candidates List	6	Other	

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report Form for Plot 6 Row F Grave 2, in the Epéhy Wood Farm Cemetery, lists an Unknown Captain of the Leicestershire Regiment (*Leicesters*) with a Military Cross (M.C.). The Concentration of Graves Burial Return tells us that he was classified by his stars (Captain), ribbons (Military Cross) and numerals (Leicestershire). The remains were located at trench map coordinates **62c.E.5.d.6.6**, which places them just west of Epéhy, France.

A detailed evaluation of the historical records reveals that these are the remains of Captain Henry Spencer-Smith, M.C. of the 8th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment killed in action on 21 March 1918.

Details of Findings:

The findings provide clear evidence that the remains in Plot 6 Row F Grave 2 of the Epéhy Wood Farm Cemetery are those of Captain Henry Spencer-Smith, M.C. of the 8th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Graves Registration Report* (GRRF) indicates that the Unknown Captain had a Military Cross and was with the Leicestershire Regiment (Attachment #1). There is no date of death or battalion noted on the document. A review of the GRRF documents in the [CWGC database](#) for the cemetery reveals a number of men of the regiment, many of which were not identified by name. Dates of death of the known men ranged from September 1917 to March 1918 and included men primarily of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions (110th Brigade, 21st Division).
2. The *Concentration of Graves Burial Return* (COG-BR) reports that the unknown Captain (Leicesters) was recovered at **62c.E.5.d.6.6** (Attachment #2). The remains were in an unmarked grave, however it was noted that the uniform had stars (Captain), ribbon (Military Cross) and numerals (Leicestershire Regiment). Many of the men of the regiment, which were not identified by name, were reported killed in March of 1918. Plot 6 Row F, where the Captain's remains were buried contains 16 Leicesters, only one (1) of which was identified ([Private Rickhuss #17960](#), 8th Battalion). All these men were recovered at the same location **62c.E.5.d.6.6**.
3. The *Headstone Schedule* (HD-SCHD) provides confirmation that the remains of the Unknown British Captain were not identified (Attachment #3). No further information is available at this time to detail the inscription on the headstone.
4. An *Area Map* prepared with Google Earth Pro shows the area of the Somme where the Captain's remains were located just west of Epéhy (Attachment #4). It was in this area that there was a major assault (*1918 Spring Offensive*) by the German Army (Operation Michael "*Kaiserschlacht*").
5. A more detailed *Trench Map* from 1918 shows the precise location where the remains were recovered at **62c.E.5.d.6.6**, approximately 1,200 yards due west of Epéhy (Attachment #5). This is slightly north of the Epéhy to Saulcourt Road, where the 8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (110th Brigade, 21st Division) was concentrated on 21 March 1918. As noted previously, this is the same location where the remains of Private Rickhuss were exhumed.
6. The *Possible Candidates List* constructed from the [CWGC database](#) shows there were 45 Captains of the Leicestershire Regiment lost in France in the Great War, of which nineteen (19) have no known grave (Attachment #6). Of these, only three (3) are reported to have a Military Cross, two (2) of which are on the Pozieres Memorial (applicable) and one (1) is on the Soissons Memorial (not

applicable). Two (2) of the five (5) Captains on the Arras Memorial were killed in action during the March 1918 period of interest, neither of which had a Military Cross nor were in the area of Epéhy at the time. The 1st Battalion (Captain Harbottle) was near Lagnicourt **57c.C.23**, northeast of Bapaume (war diary [page 86 of 796](#)) and the 11th Battalion (Captain Spence – Midland Pioneers), was in the same general area near Fremicourt (war diary [page 614 of 672](#)) at Vaux and Maricourt Woods **57c.C.27** and **57c.I.4**.

7. A review of the [CWGC database](#) reveals additional support for the differentiation of the burial sites for the men of the 6th and 8th Battalions of the Leicestershire Regiment (Attachment #7). All of the men of the 6th Battalion were found in southern burial ground sectors **E.11**, **E.12** or **E.13**.

There are three (3) known in [Epéhy Wood Farm Cemetery](#) who were all found in sector **E.11** ([COG-BR 1998595](#)):

- ALLEN, D H 21-03-18 Private 6th Bn. '10667' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY IV. F. 14. **62c.E.11.a.0.8**
- CLAYFORD, E 21-03-18 Private 6th Bn. '41321' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY IV. F. 11. **62c.E.11.a.0.8**
- DAWSON, J H 23-03-18 Private 6th Bn. '21868' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY IV. F. 12. **62c.E.11.a.0.8**

Four (4) men of the 6th Battalion buried in the [Unicorn British Cemetery](#) were recovered from sector **E.12** ([COG-BR 2543292](#) & [COG-BR 2543294](#)):

- DUNKLEY, R H 23-03-18 L/Cpl. 6th Bn. '204105' UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE IV. G. 10. **62c.E.12.d.4.8**
- MAY, H C 22-03-18 CSM 6th Bn. '12813' UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE III. G. 14. **62c.E.12.d.4.8**
- ROBERTS, J L 21-03-18 Lieutenant attd. 6th Bn. UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE III. G. 20. **62c.E.12.d.4.8**
- SMITH, S S 24-03-18 Private 6th Bn. '41407' UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE III. G. 19. **62c.E.12.d.4.8**

At the [St. Emilie Valley Cemetery](#), two (2) more are found in sector **E.13** ([COG-BR 2044516](#)), to the south and further west:

- HOWARD, G A 22-03-18 Private 6th Bn. '46296' STE. EMILIE VALLEY CEMETERY, VILLERS-FAUCON IV. E. 3. **62c.E.13.a.2.4**
- MARSDEN, A 22-03-18 Private 6th Bn. '41359' STE. EMILIE VALLEY CEMETERY, VILLERS-FAUCON IV. E. 8. **62c.E.13.a.2.4**

Also found in Unicorn British Cemetery that the remains of the Unknown Lieutenant Colonel were recovered, who we believe was incorrectly identified as Lieutenant Colonel Hindle of the 1st/4th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, rather than Lieutenant Colonel William Norman Stewart of the 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (see [CWGC Correction Report](#) of 15 July 2019).

That file contains important information relative to this case, as the Special Exhumation Report ([SPEC-EXH 2055857](#)) states: (Note that where it says "5th" it should have been typed "6th" – there was no 5th Battalion in that area).

- *"The above name officer was originally exhumed at map reference 62c.E.12.c.7.4., together with a number of other ranks of the 5th (sic) Battn Leicestershire Regt, killed in action morning of 23/3/1918".*

All the men of the 8th Battalion with known burial locations were found in the northern sectors **E.5 and E.6**. On one document we find two (2) men of the 8th Battalion in the exact same area where the "Unknown Leicestershire Captain M.C. was recovered ([COG-BR 1998601](#)):

- HUNT, F 22-03-18 Private 8th Bn. '21685' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY VI. I. 13. **62c.E.5.d.6.6**
- MOORE, F 22-03-18 Serjeant 8th Bn. '11692' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY VI. I. 16. **62c.E.5.d.6.6**
- UNKNOWN CAPTAIN MC Leicestershire Regiment

Two more men of the 8th Battalion are found in this area as well ([COG-BR 1998598](#) & [COG-BR 1998603](#)):

- ASTON, E 22-03-18 L/Cpl.8th Bn.'12313' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY VI. I. 4. **62c.E.6.c.1.3**
- RICKHUSS, J 22-03-18 Private 8th Bn.' 17960' EPÉHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPÉHY VI. F. 12. **62c.E.5.d.6.4**

It is clear from this analysis that there were two different regimental burial grounds for each of the 6th and 8th Battalions, when they were in close proximity to Epéhy. The 6th Battalion men were buried in the southern sectors E.11 and E.12 and the 8th Battalion men in the northern sectors E.5 and E.6.

8. The *War Diaries* of the 110th Infantry Brigade (21st Division) as well as those of the 6th, 7th and 8th Infantry Battalions lend additional information relative to the placement of the Leicestershire battalions in the vicinity of Epéhy in March 1918 (Attachments #8). I have extracted that information and summarized it here.

Attachment 8a, b: 110th Infantry Brigade:

The enemy bombardment of the Brigade front started at 4:30 am on a 6,000 yard front. No enemy infantry appeared until 10:30 am, at which time the enemy penetrated the brigade support line at several places, gaining entrance to Peiziere. The 7th Battalion, along with two tanks counter attacked, keeping the Reserve (Red) Line intact. The next attack was at 3 pm and the 6th Battalion was ordered to form a defensive flank pivoting on the south side of Epéhy, supported by 3 Vickers machine guns, two Field Companies of Royal Engineers one company of 1st East Yorks. The reserve line remained intact; however the enemy had penetrated as far as the Epéhy - Ste. Emilie Road, with small portions north of the road.

Another advance commenced on 22 March 1918, with a barrage at 6:45 am and a strong attack at 8:15 am on the south end of Epéhy with a flanking attack on the Epéhy - Ste. Emilie Road. The southern posts of Epéhy were captured. The 6th and 8th battalions withdrew in a northwest direction to the Saulcourt - Epéhy Road. Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart of the 6th Battalion was killed at this point. From this we know they were at **62c.E.12.d.4.8**.

The withdrawal was complete by 10 am and the 7th Battalion was holding the Reserve (Red) Line and the Peiziere village defences. At 11 am the 21st Division withdrew to the Brown Line. Lieutenant-Colonel Utterson of the 8th Battalion and most of the Epéhy Garrison were reported missing ([bottom of page 429 of 760](#)), believing that they had been completely surrounded

When you put his altogether you have:

- 7th Battalion north of Epéhy holding Peiziere (**57c.W.30**)
- 6th Battalion within and to the south of Epéhy (**62c.E.12**)
- 8th Battalion between 6th and 7th Battalions (**62c.F.1** and into **62c.E.6**)

Attachment 8c: 6th Infantry Battalion:

Switching over to the 6th Battalion war diary, we find that on the 21st that A & D Coys were sent to garrison posts in Epéhy and that B & C Coys were coming forward from SAULCOURT (so heading northeast to Epéhy). At 8:40 am on 22 March 1918 Lt.-Col. Stewart was shot and instantly killed by a sniper. This information places the Lt-Col. at **62c.E.12.d.4.8**, to the southwest of Epéhy where all the other remains of the 6th Battalion were recovered. After 11 am the 6th Battalion came into touch with the 8th Battalion, as they were pushed back to the Epéhy-Saulcourt Road (that could be **62c.E5.d** and **62c.E.11.a**). The location of the remains of the men of the 6th Battalion tells us they were primarily in the area of **62c.E.11.a**. At this point it is reported that the 6th Battalion was going southwest towards Longavesnes at **62c.E.25**, while the 8th Battalion was withdrawing to the NORTH of the Epéhy-Saulcourt Road. The 6th Battalion came under heavy fire at CAPRON COPSE, which places them at **62c.E.17.a&b**. This is just northwest of Villers-Faucon. The 6th Battalion was now leaving the area where the remains of interest were recovered.

Attachment 8d: 7th Infantry Battalion:

Now taking a look at the war diary for the 7th Battalion to see if they have any additional information, such as maps (starts at [page 123 of 318](#)). They were on the north side of Epéhy at Peiziere, which is more or less an extension of Epéhy into map 57c. The war diary tells us that the enemy were moving down from Vaucellette Farm **57c.X.13.c** ([page 124 of 318](#)). The enemy are coming down and crossing SQUASH, PLANE and FIR trenches, so into **57cX.19** and **57c.X.25**.

They are also noted to be approaching from the south of Epéhy. At 10 am on the 22nd news was received that the enemy had captured St. Emilie and the

southern end of Epéhy and the 8th Battalion had been ordered to form a defensive on the Epéhy-Saulcourt Road (that would be in **62c.E.6.c**). They retreated, facing MG fire from both the northeast and southeast, causing many casualties.

In Appendix A we start to get more information on the lines as there is a reference (message from OAK to PINE) to the YELLOW LINE at **62c.E.5.a.7.3** to **62c.E.5.c.6.5**, which is the area where we find our UNKNOWN CAPTAIN (war diary [page 146 of 318](#)).

Attachment 8e, f: 8th Infantry Battalion:

The 8th Battalion War Diary for 22 March 1918 tells us that the battalion HQ was moved from FISHERS KEEP at **62c.F.1.a**, which is adjacent to **62c.E.6.b** on the northwest edge of Epéhy. The diary also notes that this information was communicated to the 4 companies holding the RED LINE and to the 2 companies of the 6th BATTALION defending the village. The enemy was entering Epéhy from the southeast moving northwest, so they would be pushing the 8th Battalion back in that direction. The defensive position was formed along the EPÉHY-SAULCOURT ROAD, which in that area ran through **62c.E.6.a** and **62c.E.6.c** and then into **62c.E.5.d**. It is there that the remains of the CAPTAIN were recovered. It was there that they linked up with the 7th Battalion holding PEIZIERE **57c.W.30.d**, to the northwest. Two (2) companies of the 6th Battalion were holding the YELLOW LINE (the other 2 were in the village earlier). The enemy then (11 am) moved into the dead ground to the west of Epéhy (that would be **62c.E.6 b&d**). After this the battalion moved to the southwest in the direction of Saulcourt, taking the battalion out of the area of interest where the remains of the Captain were recovered.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #9).

It is clear, when all of the information is assembled and analyzed, that there was a distinct separation of the areas occupied by the infantry battalions of the 110th Infantry Brigade, both during the battles and when the dead were buried. Captain Henry Spencer-Smith, M.C. was buried at **62c.E.5.d.6.6** along with other men of the 8th Bn Leicestershire Regiment. His remains were recovered on or before 19 September 1919 and buried in Plot 6 Row F Grave 2 at the Epéhy Wood Cemetery.

ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1998497.JPG>

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Commune-EPEHY

REPORT No. 16 SCHEDULE No. 576

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PLACE OF BURIAL EPEHY WOOD FARM BRITISH CEMETERY

Map Reference 62c.E.6.a.8.6.

All documents certified complete and correct
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The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
LEICESTERS.		PLOT 6 ROW "F"				GRAVE
"		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			ALL	1 ✓
"		UNKNOWN MC.	CAPT		CROSSES	2 ✓
"		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			ERECTED	3 ✓
"		"	"	"		4 ✓
"		"	"	"		5 ✓
"		"	"	"		6 ✓
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"		"	"	"		9 ✓
"		"	"	"		10 ✓
R. MUNSTER FUS		"	"	"		11 ✓
LEICESTERS	17960	RICKHISS	PTE J			12 ✓
"		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				13 ✓
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ATTACHMENT #2

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1998601.JPG>

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

Name of Cemetery of Reburial EPEHY WOOD FARM, BRITISH, 62c E. 6.1 A. 8. 6.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
6	12	✓ E. 5. 0. 1. 1.	No	PTE. 345065, R. J. HALL, 8TH LONDON	DISC.	—	
"	13	✓ E. 5. 0. 1. 1.	No	PTE. 31685, F. HUNT, LEICESTERS	DISC.	—	
"	14	✓ " "	No	PTE. UNKNOWN	NUMERALS.	—	
"	15	✓ " "	No	" " "	" "	—	
"	16	✓ " "	No	PTE. 11692, F. MOORE	DISC.	—	
"	17	✓ " "	No	" UNKNOWN	NUMERALS	—	
"	1	✓ " "	No	" " "	" "	—	
"	2	✓ " "	No	CAPTAIN M. CROSS, LEICESTERS	STARS, RIBBONS	—	
"	3	✓ " "	No	PTE. UNKNOWN	NUMERALS	—	
"	"	"					

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This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the ~~British~~ ^{War} Graves Commission LABOUR CO.

ATTACHMENT #3

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Comprehensive Report (A) of Headstone Inscriptions.*
<https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2097163.JPG>

Imperial War Graves Commission.									
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS									
to this report is attached									
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS									
(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)									
and									
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).									
Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line.	2nd Line.	3rd Line.	4th Line.	Age.	Relig. Emb.	Plot P. Row R. Grave G.	No. of Stone.	
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1028/1A	Q/31707 LANCE CPL.	J. LEECH	6 ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT	21ST SEPTEMBER 1918	NONE	CROSS	6 E 11	891	
1048/1B	79104 PRIVATE	G.F. CREEK	7 ROYAL FUSILIERS	21ST SEPTEMBER 1918	AGE 19	CROSS	6 E 12	892	
1048/1B	79547 PRIVATE	G. RAPSON	1 ROYAL FUSILIERS	21ST SEPTEMBER 1918	AGE 19	CROSS	6 E 13	893	
1048/1B	69370 PRIVATE	E.F. CARRIER	19 ROYAL FUSILIERS	21ST SEPTEMBER 1918	AGE 19	CROSS	6 E 14	894	
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1062/1G	UNKNOWN BRITISH PRIVATE		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC SEE SCHED. G/H.)				6 E 16	896	
1027/1G	UNKNOWN BRITISH PRIVATE		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC SEE SCHED. G/H.)				6 E 17	897	
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1035/1G	UNKNOWN BRITISH CAPTAIN		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC SEE SCHED. G/H.)				6 F 2	899	
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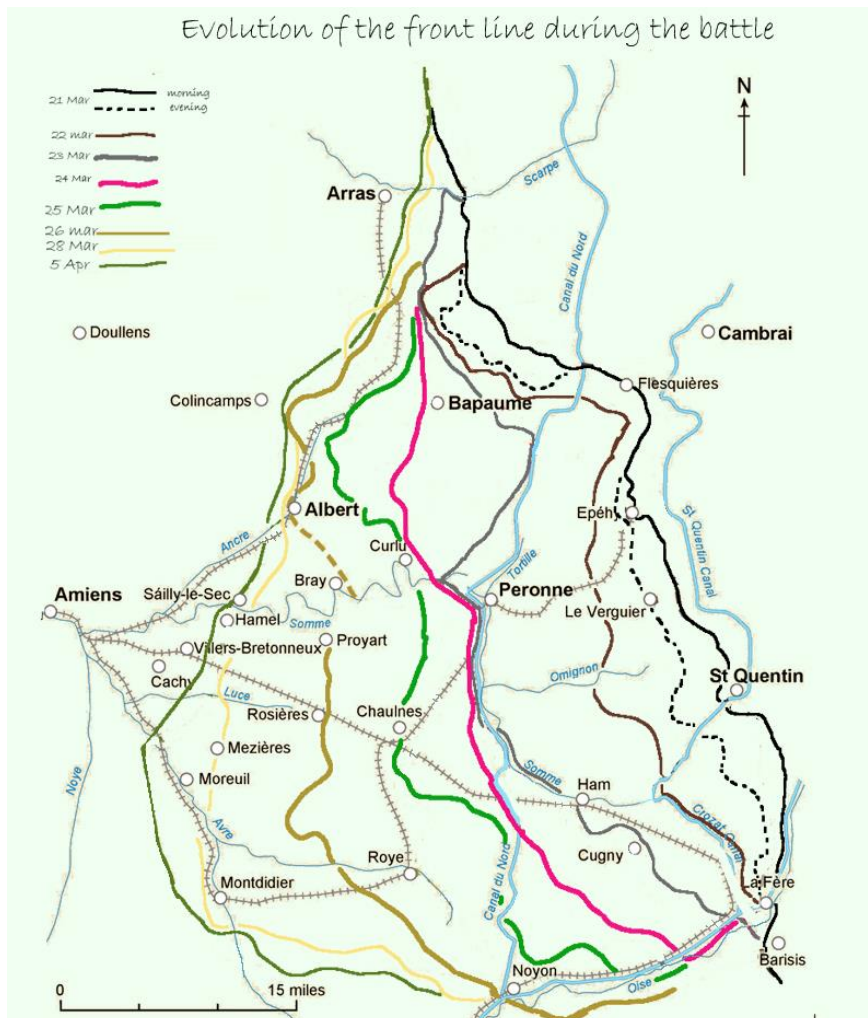
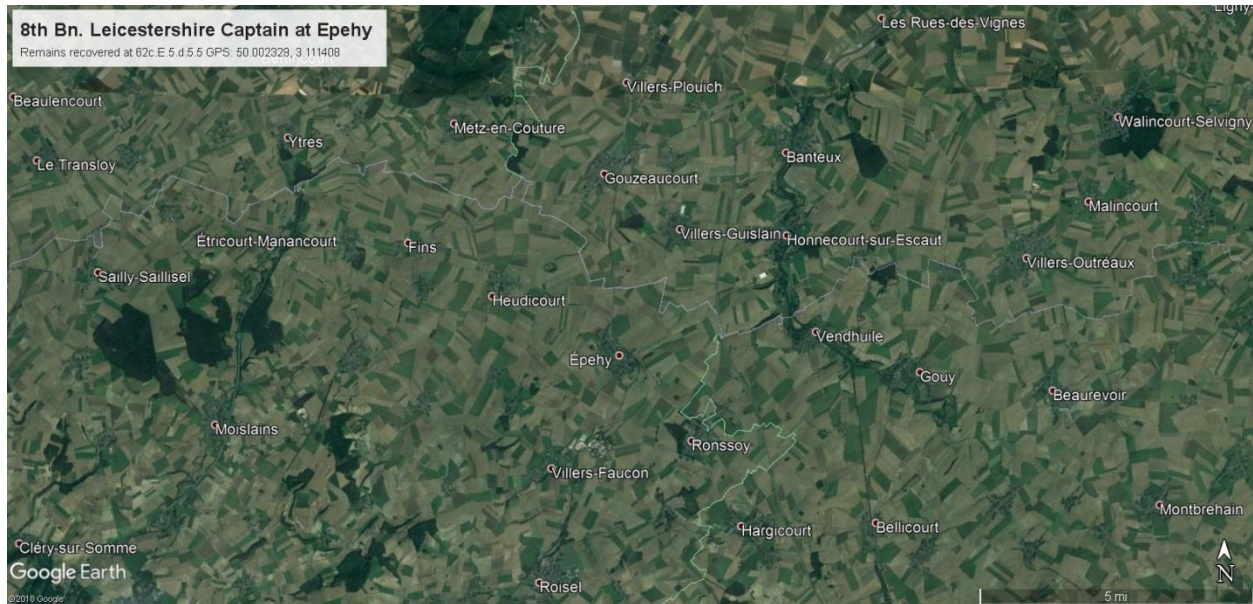
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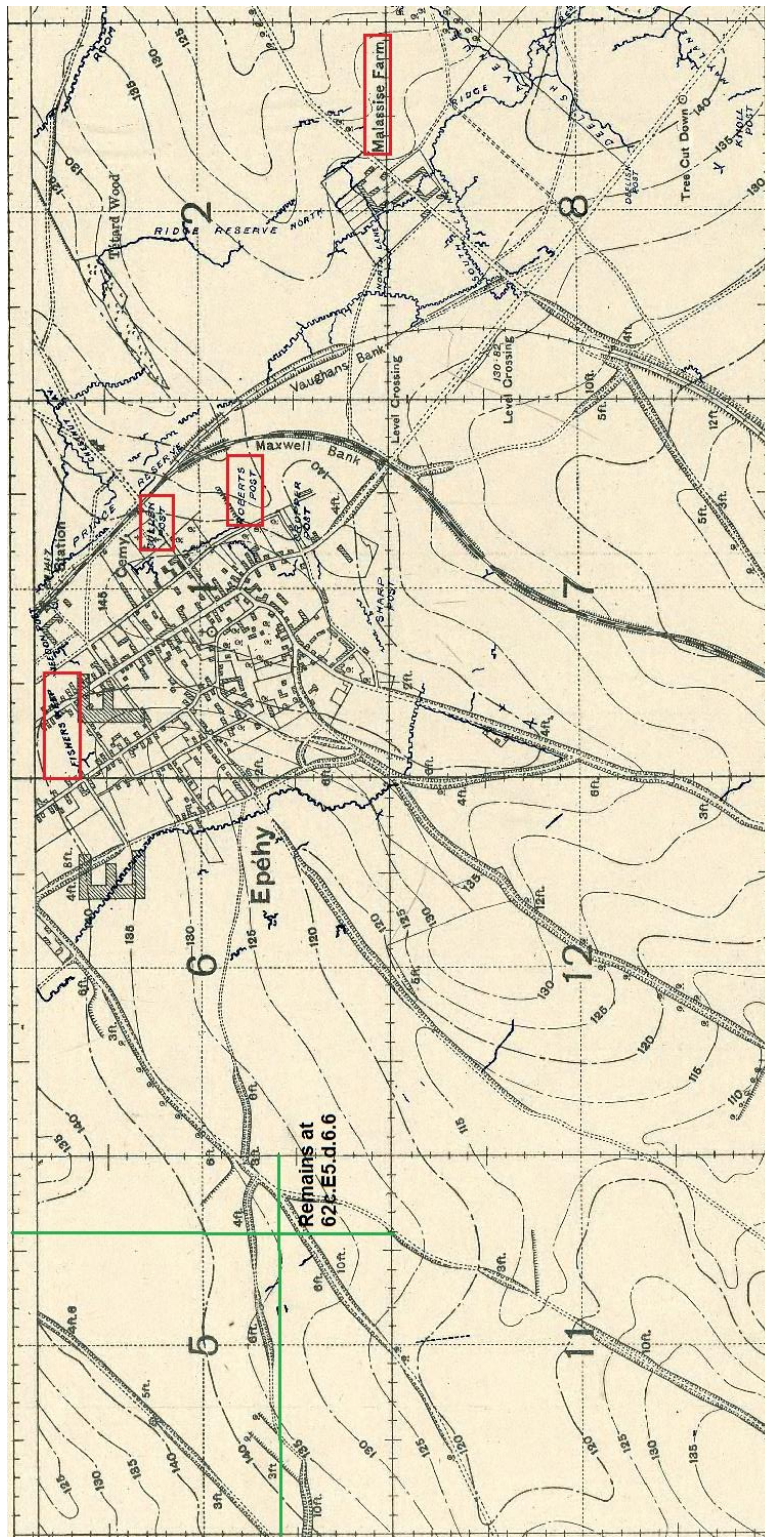
ATTACHMENT #4

Area Map – [Google Earth Pro](#): Remains recovered at 62c.E.5.d.5.5 [GPS: 50.002329, 3.111408](#)



ATTACHMENT #5

The National Archives British Trench Map Atlas.62cNE2 Epéhy Edition 2A Map wo297_1578 Trenches
Corrected 16/2/1918. Naval and Military Press, Uckfield, West Sussex, United Kingdom.



ATTACHMENT #6

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Casualty Record: Commonwealth Forces.*
<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead>

* awarded Military Cross

<p>POZIERES</p> <p>SPENCER-SMITH, HENRY Captain * 8th Bn., Leicestershire Regiment Thursday, March 21, 1918 POZIERES Panel 29 and 30</p> <p>McLAY, ARCHIBALD Captain * 6th Bn., Leicestershire Regiment Thursday, March 21, 1918 POZIERES Panel 29 and 30</p>	<p>ARRAS</p> <p>HARBOTTLE, JOHN Captain 1st Bn., Leicestershire Regiment Thursday, March 21, 1918 ARRAS Bay 5.</p> <p>SPENCER, JOHN CLIVE Captain 11th Bn., Leicestershire Regiment Thursday, March 21, 1918 ARRAS Bay 5.</p>
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surname	forename	death	unit	memorial
ASTLE	ALBERT GEORGE	03-05-17	8th Bn.	ARRAS
COX	FREDERICK PERCY	03-05-17	3rd Bn. attd. 9th Bn.	ARRAS
HARBOTTLE	JOHN	21-03-18	1st Bn.	ARRAS
OLIVER	FREDERICK RUDDALL	03-05-17	8th Bn.	ARRAS
SPENCER	JOHN CLIVE	21-03-18	11th Bn.	ARRAS
CORAH	LESLIE	13-10-15	4th Bn.	LOOS
FAIRE	REGINALD ALFRED	14-10-15	4th Bn.	LOOS
MARRIOTT	NORMAN CLARKE	17-08-17	5th Bn.	LOOS
RAWDON-HASTINGS	PAULYN CHARLES	13-10-15	"A" Coy. 5th Bn.	LOOS
McLAY *	ARCHIBALD	21-03-18	6th Bn.	POZIERES
SPENCER-SMITH *	HENRY	21-03-18	8th Bn.	POZIERES
CARNLEY	RONALD	27-05-18	5th Bn.	SOISSONS
SCOTT *	FREDERIC	27-05-18	9th Bn.	SOISSONS
ALLBERRY	CECIL CHARLES	25-09-16	10th Bn.	THIEPVAL
BROWN	DAVID WESTCOTT	14-07-16	6th Bn.	THIEPVAL
EMMET	FREDERIC HERBERT	14-07-16	9th Bn.	THIEPVAL
GIFFORD	NORGA ERNEST	14-07-16	7th Bn.	THIEPVAL
GILLETT	GEORGE MAURICE GERALD	26-09-16	6th Bn.	THIEPVAL
WETENHALL	WILLIAM THORNTON	17-07-16	6th Bn.	THIEPVAL

ATTACHMENT #7

[Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Find War Dead](#)

surname	initial	death	rank	bn	#	cemetery	grave
ALLEN	D H	21-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'10667'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	IV. F. 14.
CLAYFORD	E	21-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'41321'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	IV. F. 11.
DAWSON	J H	23-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'21868'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	IV. F. 12.
FIELDING	L A	22-03-18	L/Cpl	6th Bn.	'25784'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	III. H. 1.
HOWE	H H	21-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'25066'	HEM FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, HEM-MONACU	I. B. 17.
BOTT	H J	23-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'24122'	PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	III. G. 26.
EMMOTT	J	23-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'41332'	PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	III. D. 36.
FARROW	J H C	23-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'41335'	PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	V. I. 18.
HENSON	T	22-03-18	/Cpl	6th Bn.	'32804'	RIBEMONT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	II. E. 6.
PEACOCK	J W	22-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'41369'	ROISEL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	III. E. 24.
COLCLOUGH	J	22-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'41318'	ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	Mem. 61.
MARTIN	F	22-03-18	Corporal	6th Bn.	'13142'	ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	Mem. 102.
WINTER	W H	22-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'37890'	ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	I. E. 19.
ELLIS	J C	21-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'14580'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	D. 1.
HOWARD	G A	22-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'46296'	STE. EMILIE VALLEY CEMETERY, VILLERS-FAUCON	IV. E. 3.
MARSDEN	A	22-03-18	Private	6th Bn.	'41359'	STE. EMILIE VALLEY CEMETERY, VILLERS-FAUCON	IV. E. 8.
DUNKLEY	R H	23-03-18	/Cpl	6th Bn.	'204105'	UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE	IV. G. 10.
MAY	H C	22-03-18	CSM	6th Bn.	'12813'	UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE	III. G. 14.
EATON	F	22-03-18	L/Cpl	7th Bn.	'202835'	ASSEVILLERS NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	XII. H. 7.
BOND	J E	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'24046'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	I. J. 28.
HANCOCK	H	21-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'41480'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	VI. H. 10.
HAMMOND	J R	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'204086'	HEATH CEMETERY, HARBONNIERES	Sp. Mem.
WILLIAMS	G M	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'16859'	LE CATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY	V. A. 24.
CARR	F H	23-03-18	2nd Lieutenant	7th Bn.		ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	Mem. 100.
HUDDLESTON	A G V	22-03-18	/Cpl	7th Bn.	'14984'	ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	II. D. 4.
LEECH	W H	22-03-18	/Cpl	7th Bn.	'15275'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	C. 13.
SMITH	J	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'30348'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	C. 9/10.
SMITH	J	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'36103'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	D. 10.
TAYLOR	B	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'11940'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	C. 5/6.
WORKER	S	22-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'33148'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	D. 8.
BINCH	G E	21-03-18	Private	7th Bn.	'13727'	STE. EMILIE VALLEY CEMETERY,	III. C. 16.
SHACKLETON	J E	21-03-18	2nd Lieutenant	7th Bn.		VILLERS HILL BRITISH CEMETERY	III. A. 17.
SINFIELD	J	23-03-18	Corporal	8th Bn.	'25698'	BRONFAY FARM MILITARY CEMETERY	II. E. 45.
ASTON	E	22-03-18	/Cpl	8th Bn.	'12313'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	VI. I. 4.
HUNT	F	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'21685'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	VI. I. 13.
MOORE	F	22-03-18	Serjeant	8th Bn.	'11692'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	VI. I. 16.
RICKHUSS	J	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'17960'	EPEHY WOOD FARM CEMETERY, EPEHY	VI. F. 12.
HEMMINGS	A C	23-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'242223'	HONNECHY BRITISH CEMETERY	II. D. 12.
CHADWICK	T	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'45487'	LE CATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY	V. B. 3.
BOOTH	J	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'23914'	PERONNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	III. P. 6.
WHEATLEY	A	23-03-18	Serjeant	8th Bn.	'14887'	RIBEMONT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	IV. A. 2.
PADGETT	H	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'16964'	ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY	Mem. 101.
CLARKE	E H	21-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'23537'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	SM. A. 3.
GEEN	R J	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'235171'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	D. 3.
GUESS	A	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'11621'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	C. 13/14.
LAWSON	A J	22-03-18	Captain	8th Bn.		SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	D. 11.
WILLIAMS	A E	22-03-18	Lance Corporal	8th Bn.	'40405'	SAULCOURT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION	C. 1/2.
BRADLEY	H	22-03-18	Private	8th Bn.	'40958'	VILLERS-FAUCON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION	III. B. 18.
SMITH	W G	22-03-18	Lieutenant	8th Bn.		LE CATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY	III. E. 1.

ATTACHMENT #8a

[UK, WWI War Diaries \(France, Belgium and Germany\), 1914-1920 Various \(Infantry Brigades, 21st Division\) 21st Division Piece 2163/1-6: 110 Infantry Brigade: Headquarters \(1916 Jul - 1919 Jun\)](#)

Disposition Report of Brigade and Battalions (21-22 March 1918):

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
SAULCOURT	21-3-18		<p>intermediate line in the Battle Zone and W of EPEHY during the dangerous period 5 am to 8 am.</p> <p>The enemy commenced a sudden and heavy bombardment of Bde front on a depth of approx 6000 yards at 4-30 am, with a large proportion of gas shells on battery areas, no infantry attack developed till 10-30 a.m. when a general attack opened on the whole front, a thick mist facilitating the enemy's approach. The enemy penetrated our support line at several places but was ejected. Soon after 11 am a party about 200 strong came through the Battalion on our left and entered PEIZIERES. A counter attack supported by two tanks was organised by 7th Bn Fus Regt and was completely successful. Situation at noon - Reserve (Red) line was intact with posts in the support line from right flank to N. of 14 WILLOWS ROAD; both flanks were threatened, thus allowing bombing enterprises by enemy groups. About 3 pm enemy reported massing in THRUSH and LINNET valleys, estimated strength about 3 Brigades. This attack developed most</p>

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SAULCOURT	22-3-18		<p>heavily on our right Battalion front but the reserve line remained intact. Situation on the right flank was very critical. The 6th Bn Fus Regt in support was ordered to form a defensive flank pivoting on the S. edge of EPEHY, for this purpose 3 Machine MG's 2 Field Coys RE and one Coy 1st Bn 40th were attached to this Battalion during the evening. Situation at 10-30 pm - Reserve line intact, as far as was known, ^{isolated} posts in front of it and on left flank.</p> <p>12th/13th North'd Fus. reformed in rear of the RAILTON-PEIZIERE Rly. On right flank the enemy had penetrated as far as the EPEHY-STE EMILIE Rd with small patrols N of that road. At 6-45 am (22nd) the intermediate line of the Battle Zone was very heavily shelled & there was a light barrage in rear of the old front line and of the reserve line. About 8-15 am SOS. was sent up in EPEHY and a strong attack developed on the South end of EPEHY and a flanking attack from the EPEHY-STE EMILIE Rd against our defensive flank and extending SW to STE EMILIE on 16th Div's front.</p>

ATTACHMENT #8b

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			<p>This resulted in the isolation & capture of the Southern group of posts in EPEHY and in a slight withdrawal N.W. of the defensive flank. About 9am the attack was stronger from the Epéhy-St. Emille Rd. and the 6th and 8th Bns. 1st Regt were ordered to withdraw in a N.W. direction pivoting on the line CAPRON COPSE-Point where SAULCOURT-EPEHY Rd runs into EPEHY. Lt Col STEWART DSO, 6th Bn 1st Regt was killed ^{just} prior to this withdrawal. At 10am the withdrawal was complete, the 7th Bn 1st Regt still holding the RESERVE (Red) line and the PEIZIEAC village defences. At 11am orders were received from the 2nd Division to withdraw and reorganize in rear of the BROWN LINE, running East of SAULCOURT- CAPRON COPSE. This operation was carried out in spite of the close proximity of the enemy, who had closely followed up the retirement of the defensive flank, and was complete as far as formed bodies were concerned by 1.30pm. Lt Col UTTERSOFY DSO. 8th Bn 1st Regt and most of the Epéhy garrison</p>

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RIZECOURT-LE-HAUT	23.3.18.		<p>were however, missing, having been, it is believed, completely surrounded. The enemy was successfully held by the Reserve Bde on a large part of this line till approx. 2pm, though the night flank was evacuated by units on one night in conformity with orders at 1.15pm, as the enemy was then working down the STE EMILIE-VILLERS FAUCON Road in the rear, portions of the Brown line continued in our hands probably till after 3pm, though the battalions of the 110th Inf Bde had been extricated. Co stated above & between 11am & 2pm, under the orders to reorganize at the Aerodrome LONGAVESNES. Orders were received about 3.30pm to withdraw to RIZECOURT-LE-HAUT as reserve brigade to the remainder of the division who were to hold a line East of TEMPLEUX-LE-FOSSE (the Green line). This withdrawal was complete by 7.30pm up to this time 5 identifications were obtained by the Brigade. During the night 22nd/23rd the situation immediately East of GURLU WOOD, seemed critical, and the Brigade was ordered to</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EPENY.	1945	18th	<p>18th Coy. relieved 16th Coy. in support.</p> <p>A.D. Coy. with Capt. McLean, M.C. in EPENY, in charge of P.O.S. village defence.</p> <p>B.C. Coy. in huts at SAGLE COURT, with Battle Position in YELLOW LINE.</p> <p>C. Coy. Counter-attacking Coy.</p> <p>16th Coy. Counter-attacking Capt. in support.</p> <p>Order from Battle Position received.</p> <p>A.D. Coy. paraded P.O.S. in EPENY.</p> <p>B.C. Coy. left SAGLE COURT at 5 am; a fast deal of trouble re encountered getting into position through hostile barbed wire.</p> <p>In position in YELLOW LINE by 7.30 am. Heavy bombardment all time all morning.</p> <p>1445H Enemy reported breaking through 16th Div on our right.</p> <p>2300H MALASSISE FARM reported to be held by the Enemy.</p> <p>3300H MALASSISE FARM held by Enemy. Enemy also in RONSSOY WOOD.</p> <p>TETARD WOOD still in our hands.</p> <p>16th Coy. holding STRONG POINT ON RAILWAY EMBARCAMENT.</p> <p>6th Coy. Hunter Battery near EPENY- ST EMILIE ROAD withdrawn & fired, abandoning one.</p> <p>Enemy seen advancing in huts between MALASSISE FARM and RONSSOY; appeared to be moving in SUNKEN ROAD.</p> <p>About this time stragglers from 16th Div were coming back in small parties.</p> <p>4400H Counter attack with TANK carried out on our right, in direction of RONSSOY WOOD.</p> <p>6pm It became necessary to form a defensive flank facing ST EMILIE RD.</p>	

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EPHEVY	April 27	6 pm	also to withdraw from FRONT LINE to CLOSE SUPPORT LINE. Enemy on our right having nearly reached BROWN LINE. YELLOW LINE heavily shelled: FRONT LINE knocked out altogether.	
		7 pm		
		9 pm		
		9 pm		
		6.30 am	Fairly quiet. Patrols sent out in front of our line, no sign of enemy.	
		2.45 pm	Intense bombardment of FRONT LINE for over an hour, which extended to CLOSE SUPPORT LINE.	
		8.30 am	Troubled by Snipers in rear of YELLOW LINE. During the night 2/4/32 Two Field Coy of Royal Engineers came up above under our orders. One Coy from the Reserve Pioneers & three Pioneers fire were also to have come under our orders, but failed to do so on account of being unable to get through hostile barrage.	
		8.40 am	About this time Lt Col H. Stewart D.L.O. was killed: being shot through the head by a Sniper: death being instantaneous. Command of the Battalion being taken over by Major J. C. Burdett.	
		8.50 am	Enemy reported to be massing in front of YELLOW LINE: Patrols being withn 100 yards of our line.	
		9 am	Enemy attempted to break down COMMUNICATION TRENCH leading to our FRONT LINE, but were knocked out by a Lewis gun.	
9.30 am	Enemy worked round both flanks & we were surrounded.			
11 am	A vigorous action was fought to the BROWN LINE, forcing a defensive flank on the EPHEVY - SAULCOURT ROAD, gaining touch			

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[Piece 2164/2: 7 Battalion Leicestershire Regiment \(1916 Jul - 1919 Apr\)](#)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	21-2-19	12.30 AM	<p><i>Summary of operations between 21.1.18-16 inclusive</i></p> <p>At 11.30 am the enemy put down a heavy barrage gas shell bombardment of phosgene and mustard gas on the whole Bⁿ area and on the gas positions in rear. This gradually developed into heavy concentrations of HE and shrapnel on the whole of our defences. The bombardment lasted till about 9.30 am. Most of the wire in front of our position front line was destroyed but the wire in front of FIR SUPPORT and the RED LINE was left nearly intact under cover of a very thick mist, combined with smoke and dust from bursting shells. The enemy was able to cross No Man's Land without being observed. About 9.30 am the enemy entered PLANE TRENCH and 2nd Lt. Barry who was OC of the observation party left in that trench had only just time to give the S.O.S. signal before the enemy reached him.</p> <p>9.30 am The enemy had apparently broken through the front line of the Bⁿ on our left and at this hour small parties attacked the bottom post (MC PHEE) in PEIZIERE and got into the railway cutting behind the RED LINE. The detached position of MC PHEE POST was captured and about 6 men were taken prisoner.</p> <p>10 am At about this hour C Coy and the tanks were ordered to counter attack and clear PEIZIERE up to the railway cutting. The tanks proceeded round the northern</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			<p>end of the village and C Coy by the two roads running NE and E from MCLEAN POST the village was easily cleared. The enemy retiring from the village and cutting at the approach of the tanks. One of the men taken prisoner in MC PHEE POST rejoined the Bⁿ.</p> <p>11 am On receipt of information that the village was clear C Coy and the tanks were withdrawn to their original positions.</p> <p>During the whole of the day the enemy made many futile attacks from the NE on the FIR SUPPORT and RED LINE attempting to break down the wire from NEW SQUASH TRENCH which he had entered early in the attack. The defence of FIR SUPPORT was conducted by 2nd Lt Wright with about 20 men against numerous bombing attacks in one of which flamethrowers were used but these were stopped on our wire by rifle fire and the cylinders catching alight the enemy were burnt with their own weapons. Good work was done by the whole of the platoon and particularly by Pt HICKIN who on 2 or 3 occasions walked along the parapet firing a Lewis Gun from his hip at the enemy concentrating in the trenches on the flanks. Pt HICKIN was eventually killed in making one of these attacks. His platoon held out until dark when with only 6 men left it was ordered to fall back on the RED LINE.</p> <p>In the afternoon the enemy could be seen moving just S of VAUGHANLETTE</p>

ATTACHMENT #8e

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920 Leicestershire Regiment 21st Division
Piece 2165/1: 8 Battalion Leicestershire Regiment (1916 Jul - 1918 May)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			<p>During the course of the morning the mist lifted slightly and at intervals strong forces of the enemy could be seen advancing towards RONDSOT and LEPTIRE in our night. The 16 Division on our night were compelled to withdraw some distance to conform with the line on their night. Heavy bombing attacks were made against our night flank held by A Company, on two occasions the enemy forces that were with A Company's trenches but were immediately ejected by vigorous counter bombing.</p> <p>Towards 1 p.m. a lull occurred in the fighting on the Roubaton front and meanwhile the mist had cleared. Large forces of the enemy could be seen moving through RONDSOT and LEPTIRE and large concentrations of his infantry were seen moving in the valleys E of our front line and in the neighbourhood of VAUBLETTE FARM and VILERSO GUILLEIN.</p> <p>During the afternoon reports received claimed that the enemy had broken through our defensive system on the night and were advancing rapidly. The enemy was everywhere held on the 110° Brigade front.</p> <p>Towards 5 p.m. the enemy commenced to break through the support line the fire being heavy and accurate, and at 6 p.m. a withdrawal was made to the RED LINE just E of EPÉHY to conform with the 7th Bn. 1st Regt. on our left, which had been driven out of their support line, who took up with the left Battalion of the 16th Division on our night.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
EPÉHY BECOURT GREEN LINE	22.3.18		<p>The night of March 21/22 passed without any further attack on the part of the hostile infantry, but the enemy artillery displayed great activity during the night chiefly on the approaches to EPÉHY and the back areas.</p> <p>The early morning of the 22nd brought with it the same heavy mist. The hostile artillery displayed little activity and up till 9 a.m. the enemy made no further attack. Observation of any kind was quite impossible and the movements of the enemy on our night could not be seen.</p> <p>During the night of the 22nd, from information received it was stated that small parties of the enemy had reached the EPÉHY-ST EMILIE ROAD. It was also reported that a small party about 20 strong had been seen near the advanced dressing station on the S.W. edge of EPÉHY.</p> <p>About 9 a.m. favoured and hidden by the heavy mist the enemy infantry commenced to push into the village from the EPÉHY-ST EMILIE ROAD. Three pools on the S.E. edge of the village were marked down the road and then the enemy continued to advance in a N.E. direction through the village.</p> <p>By this time the night flank of the Battalion was completely on the air & the hostile infantry were threatening the RED LINE from the E & W. The Commanding officer decided to evacuate the RED LINE at 10 a.m. at the same time moving Bn. H.Q. from FISHERS KEEP accordingly this decision was communicated to the 10 Companies holding the RED LINE and to the 12 Companies of the 6th Bn. 1st Regt. defending the village.</p>

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ATTACHMENT #9

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Commonwealth Forces during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

This process differs from cases related to members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) as these do not go first to the CWGC Canadian Agency in Ottawa. We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

Guideline Criteria for Submission:	Evidence and Source Material:
Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.	Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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